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**Alan Brown to Retire as Warden of GRCC;
DeEdra Hart Promoted to Fill the Post**

Frankfort, Ky. (July 22, 2015) – Alan Brown, a 27-year veteran of the Department of Corrections, will retire as warden at Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) on Aug. 1. DeEdra Hart, deputy warden at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex (WKCC), has been promoted to fill the post.

Brown began his corrections career in April 1988 as a correctional officer at the Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP). He was promoted through the ranks at KSP and WKCC and was promoted to warden at the Green River prison in 2012. During his career he has received several awards including a Commissioner's Award, Warden's Commendation and two Distinguished Service Awards.

"Alan Brown will be deeply missed," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "He has dedicated his entire professional career to the Department and has been a tremendous asset to us at three different institutions."

Hart will take the reins on Aug. 1. She is a 20-year veteran of the Department of Corrections and has served as deputy warden at WKCC since 2012.

"DeEdra Hart has the leadership skills and experience that our institutions require in a warden," said Commissioner Thompson. "She is an example of someone who has worked her way up through the ranks of Corrections, and she serves as an inspiration to those men and women we have serving as correctional officers today."

Hart began her career with the Department of Corrections at WKCC as a correctional officer in 1995. She quickly began moving up the ranks and has held numerous positions within institutions including classification and treatment officer, unit administrator and offender information supervisor.

Her Corrections career includes two years serving as a probation and parole officer in Owensboro.

Hart has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and political science from Murray State University. She is the recipient of the 2004 Commissioner's Achievement award and a graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.

She has been an active member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) since 2003, and has served three terms as chapter president for the Four Rivers KCCD chapter, and 10 terms as KCCD executive board secretary. In addition, she is a three-time recipient of KCCD's "Mary Frances Cooper Award."

Editor's note: photos attached

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